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Appln. No. : 09/854,607

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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING A DEFECT IN PROJECTED PORTIONS OF AN OBJECT HAVING THE PROJECTED PORTIONS FORMED IN THE SAME SHAPE WITH A PREDETERMINED PITCH ALONG AN ARC

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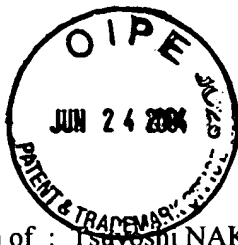
In response to the Official Action of April 5, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.



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Mail Stop Amendment

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- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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